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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/025,763

Applicants: Atsushi WATAKABE, et al.

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For: SOLID POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MATERIAL,
LIQUID COMPOSITION, SOLID POLYMER FUEL
CELL AND FLUOROPOLYMER

Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: DOVE, TRACY MAE

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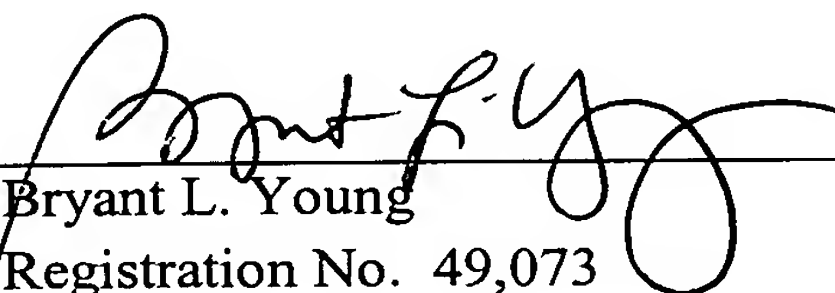
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
LIST OF RELATED CASES**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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This is responsive to the Requirement for Election of Species dated August 9, 2005.

Applicants provisionally elect "perfluoro(2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxole)" for search purposes only, which is in addition to the previous election made with traverse on November 10, 2004. This fluouromonomer A species reads formula (4), as discussed on pages 23-24 of the specification and shown as formula (23) on page 25 of the specification. Claims 1-3 and 5-6 are readable thereon. Applicants request that if the elected species is found allowable the Examiner expand the search to non-elected species.

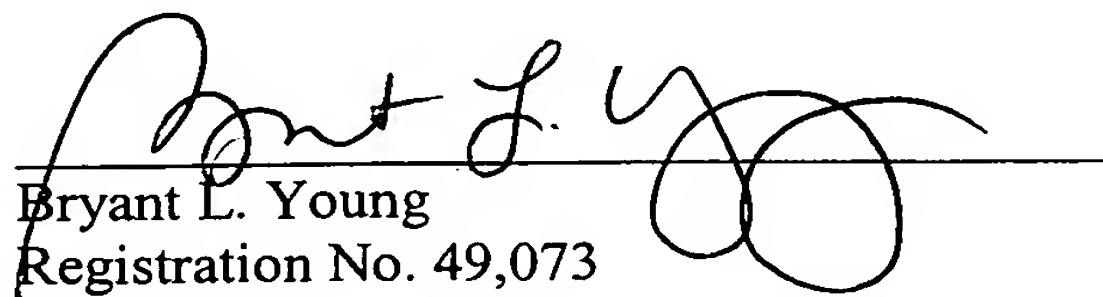
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for withdrawing the obviousness-type double patenting and prior art rejections, as indicated in the present Office Action.

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☐ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☒ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.
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- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☒ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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217752US0*	10/025,763	12/26/01	US2002/0142207 A1	WATAKABE, et al.

*Present Application; listed for information
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